rabad, Visakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar during June, 1989.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : I move the following Motion :—

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate three members from the Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Lok Sabha for the unexpired portion of the term of the Committee *vice* Shri Parvathaneni Upendra, Shri Virendra Verma and Shri Jaswant Singh resigned from the Committee and do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, three members from among the Members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

The question was proposed

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: (West Bengal): Madam, we do not have any objection, or for that matter I don't have any objection to say 'Ayes' to this motion. But, Madam, we must look into the situation in which our Members had to tender resignation from the Public Accounts Committee and also from the Committee on Public Undertakings. A traditon was there. The tradition was set up by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, whose name they take over often, that the chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee should go to an Opposition member, a really Opposition member. (*Interruptions*) But this time the chairmanship has not been given to an Opposition member. That is why in protest, when I tried to persuade, in protest against that the Members had to resign. Madam, it shows how Government takes this accountability for a ride, because the Public Accounts Committee headed by an Opposition member establishes that the Government is answerable to public accountability. But a Public Accounts Committee headed by a member of the ruling party or a party which is an ally of the ruling party means that they want to reduce the public accountability to a nullity. That is why they have tendered resignation. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka) : I only want to say that the Government, by taking such a step, have wrongly compromised with a healthy tradition that we established.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh) : My name is also there.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No, no. I am not going to allow.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : You are electing somebody in my place and I don't have the right to ... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Upendra, you gave an opportunity to somebody else to come in.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Why I gave that opportunity... (*Interruptions*) We oppose the motion. Let us tell the reason. I resigned as a protest...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Upendra, there are many other places to say why you resigned. When you resigned, you must have given your reasons. I allowed one gentleman from the Opposition side.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, we would like to know why they resigned.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not know. It is entirely up to the Speaker to decide who should be the Chairman.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: In my resignation letter, I have specifically mentioned that the convention of nominating an opposition Member as the Chair-

man has been flouted by the Speaker contrary to all democratic and parliamentary traditions. That is what I wrote in my letter. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister wants to say something. Just a minute. Let him speak.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Madam, the country wants to know why they have resigned in the Lok Sabha and whey they have not resigned in the Rajya Sabha.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Our opposition leaders sitting on that side have made a point. But they never informed this House or me. They were elected unanimously from this House. They did not even tell me or any of us as to why they were going to resign. They did not give the reason. (*Interruptions*). I am coming to the next point. Mr. Dipen Ghosh, you did not inform me or any of us as to why you were resigning at that time. All right. You resigned. (*Interruptions*). My point is that you did not raise this issue at that time You should have told us as to why you were resigning. You failed to do that.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: We made it known. We wrote to the Speaker.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Secondly, this is a Committee of the other House This is a Committee of the Lok Sabha. We elect our Members and send them there.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Is there a discussion on this?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You started the discussion and nobody else. I do not want a discussion I am moving the motion. The question is:

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate three members from the Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Lok Sabha for the unexpired portion of the term of the Committee *vice* Shri Parvathaneni Upendra, Shri Virendra Verma and Shri Jaswant Singh resigned from the Committee and do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may dicret, three members from among the Members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

The motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) Madam, I beg to move the following Motion:—

"That this House concure in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate three members from the Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Undertakings of the Lok Sabha for the unexpired portion of the term of the Committee *vice* Shri T. R. Balu, Shri Dipen Ghosh and Shri Kamal Morarka resigned from the Committee and do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, three members from among the Member of the House to serve on the said Committee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

RE. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदया, मैंने . . . (व्यवधान) . . .

उपसभापति : अभी क्या हो गया।

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : नहीं, इसमें नहीं कह रहा हूं।